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APPLICANT: PIETRAS, ET AL.

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TITLE: METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF
TUMORS USING NUCLEIC ACID
LIGANDS TO PDGF

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on September 11, 2002. In such Office Action claims 1-11 were pending. Claims 1-11 were rejected. This Amendment and Remarks document is submitted in response to said Office Action.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please replace Claims 1, 5, and 8 with the following replacement claims.

1. (Amended) A method for treating tumors comprising administering to a host having a tumor a therapeutically effective dose of a composition comprising a platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) aptamer and a cytotoxic agent, whereby tumors are treated.

5. (Amended) A method for reducing the interstitial fluid pressure (IFP) of a tumor comprising administering a PDGF aptamer to a host having a tumor, whereby the interstitial fluid pressure of a tumor is reduced.